

Statistics Related to Sexual Assault

1 in 5 boys is a victim of sexual assault.

Journal of the American Medical Association, 1998

1 in 3 girls will be sexually abused.

Woman's Safety Project, Randall and Haskell, 1995

Only 1 in 10 child victims reports the abuse.

M.R. Janssen,
Incest, Exploitative Child Abuse, 1994

29% of rape victims are under 11 years old.

Rape in America,
National Center for Victims of Crime

The median age for reported sexual abuse is nine years old.

Sexual Abuse In A National Survey Of Adult Men And Women
D. Finkelhor (1990)

93% of juvenile sexual assault victims knew their attacker.

US Department of Justice Report, 2000
"Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement."

For 60% of "sexually active" girls under age 14, their only sexual experience has been a rape.

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of North Carolina

The typical sex offender targeting minors molests an average of 117 children.

National Inst. of Mental Health, 1998

Two-thirds of all prisoners convicted of rape were convicted for sexual assault against a child.

US Department of Justice, 1996

Male survivors of child sexual abuse were twice as likely to be HIV positive.

American Journal of Public Health, 1991

75% of women in treatment for drug and alcohol dependency report having been sexually abused.

SAMHSA, 1994;
US Public Health Service

Women suffering from bulimia are twice as likely as other women to have been a victim of sexual assault.

The National Women's Study: Relationship of Victimization and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder to Bulimia Nervosa.
International Journal of Eating Disorders, 1997

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More than 70% of girls in the juvenile justice system or in shelters have histories of sexual abuse and assault.

US Department of Justice Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
Prevention Action Plan Update (Oct, 2001)

A Washington state study of teen mothers revealed that pregnancies of 62% of the participants were preceded by experiences of molestation, rape or attempted rape.

*Sexual Abuse as a Factor in Adolescent Pregnancy & Child Maltreatment,
Family Planning Perspectives, 1992*

Rape victims have been found to be 8.7 times more likely to attempt suicide.

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

In 61% of rape cases, the victim is under 18 years of age.

American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Adolescence